



Survey

Medical and mental health issues in Syrian refugee children and youth

Canada has resettled 25,000 refugees from Syria. It is estimated that 50% of the Syrian refugees are children and youth. The purpose of this one-time CPSP survey is to describe the severe medical and mental health issues encountered in the child and youth population, as well as to describe matters related to access of care.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

1. Which of the following best describes your practice?
 - General paediatrician; specify: primary ____ consulting ____ both ____
 - Paediatric subspecialist; specify: _____
 - Primary care clinician
 - Other child health provider; specify: _____
2. Type of practice (check all that apply):
 - a) Urban Suburban Rural/Remote
 - b) Academic Non-academic
 - c) Inpatient hospital ward ED/Urgent care centre Outpatient clinic Private office /community setting
3. What are the first 3 digits of your workplace postal code? ____ ____ ____
4. Are you aware of the Canadian Paediatric Society's *Caring for Kids New to Canada* online resources? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, have you accessed any of the online information to inform clinical care? Yes ____ No ____
5. Over the past 12 months, have you seen, assessed, or managed the care of Syrian children/youth? Yes ____ No ____

***If you answered NO to question 5, we thank you for completing the survey.
All of the following questions relate to patients 18 and under.***

6. Please indicate the number of children/youth seen: Less than 5 5-10 11-20 >20
What percentage were: Privately sponsored ____ Government-assisted ____ Unknown ____
7. Of these child and youth cases, have you seen any of the following conditions:

	Yes	No	Number of cases
Infectious diseases			
Cutaneous leishmaniasis	___	___	_____
Schistosomiasis	___	___	_____
Hepatitis B	___	___	_____
Hepatitis C	___	___	_____
HIV	___	___	_____
Active tuberculosis disease	___	___	_____
Polio	___	___	_____
Measles	___	___	_____
Strongyloides	___	___	_____
Non-infectious diseases			
G6PD deficiency	___	___	_____
Severe iron-deficiency anemia	___	___	_____
Thalassemia	___	___	_____
Failure to thrive or malnutrition	___	___	_____
Rickets	___	___	_____
Known or suspected genetic or metabolic disorder, If yes, specify (if known): _____	___	___	_____
Developmental delay	___	___	_____
Complex medical needs*	___	___	_____
Other, specify: _____	___	___	_____
Psychosocial			
Post-traumatic stress disorder	___	___	_____
Anxiety disorder/depression	___	___	_____

**Complex medical needs are multi-system disease processes, AND require multiple specialist involvement, AND involve medical fragility as well as an existing risk of an unexpected life-threatening event, AND/OR are technology-dependent.*

	Yes	No	Number of cases
Behavioural problems	___	___	_____
If yes, specify (if known): _____			
Other, specify: _____			
Neonatal			
Infants born in Canada to Syrian refugee mothers, with severe newborn complications requiring NICU care	___	___	_____
If yes, specify: _____			
Access to care			
8. Did these patients have any history of medical care since leaving Syria (before arrival to Canada)?	Yes ___	No ___	
9. Have you seen Syrian refugee children/youth with significant dental issues needing urgent referral to a dentist?	Yes ___	No ___	If yes, indicate number of cases: ___ If no, proceed to question 12
10. Did you have difficulty finding a dentist to accept your referred patient(s)?	Yes ___	No ___	If yes, for how many cases? ___
11. Did the patient(s) need to undergo dental surgery under general anesthesia?	Yes ___	No ___	If yes, in how many cases ___
12. In the past 12 months, have you been involved with any Syrian refugee children/youth that have been admitted to hospital?	Yes ___	No ___	If no, proceed to question 13
a) If yes, how many cases? ___			Of those cases, how many were admitted for the following reasons: Medical ___ Surgical ___ Psychiatric ___ Need of intensive care ___
b) While in hospital, did any of the children/youth die?	Yes ___	No ___	If yes, how many? ___ Please identify the cause(s): _____
b) Were any of the children/youth discharges delayed due to non medical reasons?	Yes ___	No ___	If yes, how many? ___ If yes, identify the reason(s): _____
13. Did you have access to interpretative services for the majority of cases?	Yes ___	No ___	If no, proceed to question 14
If yes, please identify the interpretative services you used for the majority of cases: Professionally-trained ___ Non-professionally trained ___ Family members or friends ___			
If yes, did you experience any inadequate interpretative services in a medical interaction with a Syrian child/youth refugee/family: Yes ___ No ___			If yes, in how many cases? ___ Describe inadequacies: _____
14. Are you aware of denial of medical health care services due to a lack of coverage/funding?	Yes ___	No ___	If yes, in how many cases? ___ If yes, please describe: _____
15. Are you aware of patients who were unable to fill their necessary prescription due to limited medical coverage?	Yes ___	No ___	If yes, in how many cases? ___ If yes, please list medications: _____

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Please return this survey with your monthly reporting form. Thank you for your participation.

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